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Applicant: Jeffrey S. Lille et al.

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Examiner: Miller, Brian E.

For: **PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC HEAD HAVING THERMALLY ASSISTED
RECORDING ELEMENT, AND METHOD OF FABRICATION THEREFOR**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed May 16, 2006, Applicant elects species (1), Figs 4-7 for further prosecution, without traverse.

Applicant further elects claims 1-3, 5, 9-11 and 13 as reading on the elected species of Figs. 4-7.

Additionally, as to the elected claims, Applicant includes herewith a Preliminary Amendment that amends claims 10 and 11 for clarity.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments a telephone conference at the number set forth below is requested.

Date: June 16, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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